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FIVE PARADE OF HOMES ENTRIES
FEATURE IDAHO ENERGY STAR QUALITIES

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The 2003 Treasure Valley Parade of Homes presents an excellent chance for area residents to see first hand the latest in energy conservation and high performance building techniques featured in the Idaho Energy Star home program, the State Energy Division announced today.

Five of the 40 homes in the Parade of Homes, which gets underway Saturday, have been certified by the Idaho Energy Divisions as "Idaho Energy Star Homes." That means the homes meet strict government standards of energy efficiency. Idaho Energy Star Homes also provide lower utility bills, increased comfort and greater durability, according to Anne Brink, who manages the program for the Idaho Energy Division.

"Idaho Energy Star Homes are best described as high performance homes because they are at least 30 percent more energy efficient than home built to code. That results in utility bills substantially less than standard homes of similar size. Idaho Energy Star homes also ensure that you keep unwanted pollutants outside your home with sealed ducts, balanced heating and cooling distribution, tight, well sealed construction and good ventilation," Brink said.

Common features found in homes with an Idaho Energy Star label include improved insulation; energy-efficient windows; tightly sealed ductwork; highly efficient, right-sized heating and cooling equipment; and tight home construction

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Idaho Energy Star homes do cost more to build than regular housing code homes but Energy Star officials say the extra costs are typically quickly recouped through lower utility bills. Idaho Energy Star homes must be inspected and tested by a trained home performance specialist before the Idaho Energy Division issues the home an Idaho Energy Star certification.

The five homes are:

- Parade Home # 4, “The Cameo” built by Markar Design & Construction, located at 1240 West Victory Road;
- Parade Home #12, “Le Reve Manoir” built by Shiloh Development, located at 1063 South Island Glenn Way;
- Parade Home #20, “The Reagan” built by Holton Homes, located at 670 South Truss Avenue;
- Parade Home #25, “The Taylor Ann” built by Zach Evans Construction, located at 9024 West Pandion Lane; and
- Parade Home #26, the “Hayworth” built by Chuck Miller Construction, located at 13421 North 1st Avenue in Hidden Springs.

The 2003 Parade of Homes runs April 26 through May 11 in Ada County. Information on Idaho Energy Star Homes can be found on the Internet at **www.idahoenergystar.com**. You can also contact the Idaho Energy Division at (208) 327-7976.